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As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

This is an original utility patent application claims priority from US provisional patent application Serial No. 60/434,895, filed December 19, 2002.

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We believe we are the original inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled GASKETS AND GASKET-LIKE DEVICES INCLUDING FASTENERS FOR GASKETS AND A METHOD OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the examination and patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

At this time we do not claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119.

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